

Marcelle is two miles southwest of La Motte-en-Santerre and about two and one-half miles south of Villers Bretonneux. The woods named do not appear on available maps.

The main weight to the Allied blow was directed against General von Hutier's Eighteenth German Army. The force of the British stroke was exerted in the Villers-Bretonneux area, slightly to the southeast of Amiens, where Field Marshal Haig's troops had an advantageous jumping-off place from the Villers-Bretonneux ridge.

SEE BIG ADVANCE IN CITY EXPENSES

Department Heads' Demands Will Total \$50,000,000 for Next Year

WAR CALLED ONE CAUSE Advance to Be Sought is \$15,000,000 Over Five Years

Maintenance of the city during 1918 will cost nearly \$50,000,000 if demands are allowed by department heads as proposed by the city.

Attack on Wide Front

The British attacked over a twelve-mile front on both sides of the Somme. They gained all their objectives within four hours and have captured a considerable number of prisoners and guns.

French and British Tanks have Crossed the Avre-Luce Valley in the New Drive

The assault began exactly at dawn and a success was scored immediately. The British advanced toward Cerisy-Gailly, on the south side of the Somme, east of Sully-Laurette, and Marcelle.

Along the French front the artillery preparation lasted for forty minutes, after which the troops left their trenches with wonderful dash.

Around Morisail and Moreuil the German resistance is terrific.

In the district north of the Somme the Germans are reported to have launched two counter-attacks.

The prisoners taken are so numerous that there is difficulty in handling them.

By the Associated Press

London, Aug. 8.—British and French troops launched an offensive east and southeast of Amiens this morning, says a statement from Field Marshal Haig today.

The attack is under the command of Field Marshal Haig and is being fought, the statement adds, in the region engaged, the British Fourth Army and the French First Army, advanced at dawn this morning.

By the Associated Press

Paris, Aug. 8.—Franco-British troops at 5 o'clock this morning began an offensive in Picardy in the region southeast of Amiens, the War Office announced.

At 5 o'clock this morning (Thursday) French troops in company with British forces attacked in the region southeast of Amiens, the attack is developing under favorable conditions.

The attack southeast of Amiens probably is aimed at weakening, if not to wipe out, the German position in and around Montdidier, where the battle line swings to the north.

A line from the Somme to the Avre and thence south along the river faces Picardy in front of it is part of the region devastated by the Germans in the retreat from the Somme in March, 1917.

American troops have been holding part of the French line at Cantigny, west of Montdidier.

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ARENA OF ALLIES' DUAL DRIVE



The Allies today opened a double "smash" against the Germans. American artillery and machine gunners led an attack in the sector between Fismes and Soissons, centering about Braine, the Americans and French effecting crossings of the Vesle and driving the enemy northward toward the Aisne, despite furious counter-attacks.

PICARDY PUSH MENACE TO VAST GERMAN LINE

Threatens Kaiser's Positions to North and Menaces His Armies as Far South as Aisne—Vesle Front

By the Associated Press

British and French troops attacked this morning from Albert, northeast of Amiens, in the present offensive. The total appropriations for 1917 were \$38,933,085.13, while this year \$48,771,272 was originally asked, and the grand total allowed is about \$48,000,000, with the prospect of a good-sized deficit unless unexpected revenue turns up to cut the debit column.

On Old Battlefield

The field over which the British are fighting today is familiar ground to them, but to the south the French must force the enemy back from territory newly occupied during the offensive of the present summer.

By the Associated Press

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WORK SHACKERS FACE JAIL TERM

Campaign Against Loafers and Part-Timers Begins in Earnest

ROUND-UP IN ALTOONA

Those in Draft Age Must Show Cause Why They're Not Fighting

"Work, fight or go to jail!" This was the law laid down today by the Federal Government through the United States employment agency.

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PHILA. PILOTOR KILLED IN FALL

Lieutenant R. W. Evans Loses Life at Belleville, Ill.

HIS COMPANION ESCAPES

Airplane Crashes to Ground From Forty-Foot Elevation, Following Altitude Flight

Lieutenant Richard W. Evans, of 2401 New, Seventeenth street, this city, aviator, was today killed at Belleville, Ill., from injuries received when his airplane crashed forty-five feet to the ground, following a high altitude flight at the Scott Aviation Flight, Cadet Douglas, who accompanied Evans in his flight, escaped injury.

KILLED BY FALL

Lieutenant Richard W. Evans, 2401 North Seventeenth street, who died today at Belleville, Ill., from injuries received when his airplane fell at the Scott aviation field.

WAR TAXATION BY EASY STAGES

Bill Provides Three Installments for Income and Excess Profits

By the United Press

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